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October 30, 2012

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Dear Supervisors:

**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS:
MOUNT MCDILL COMMUNICATIONS SITE REPLACEMENT PROJECT
ESTABLISH CAPITAL PROJECT;
SPECS. 7224 CAPITAL PROJECT NO. 77297
APPROVE TOTAL PROJECT BUDGET
AUTHORIZE THE PREPARATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTS
(FIFTH DISTRICT) (3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

Approval of the recommended actions will establish the Mount McDill Communications Site Replacement Project, Capital Project No. 77297, approve the proposed Project budget, and authorize the preparation of the environmental documents.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:

1. Establish the Mount McDill Communications Site Replacement Project, Capital Project No. 77297, with a total Project budget of \$3,460,000; and
2. Authorize the Department of Public Works to deliver design services, procure preliminary jurisdictional approvals, and proceed with the preparation of the environmental documentation, pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act for the proposed Project.

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PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

Approval of the recommended actions will establish the Mount McDill Communications Site Replacement Project (Project), Capital Project No. 77297, with the total Project budget of the proposed Project; and authorize the Department of Public Works (Public Works) to proceed with design and the preparation of the appropriate environmental documentation under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

The Mount McDill Communications Site was destroyed in the 2010 Crown Fire. At the time of the fire, the Site consisted of three prefabricated buildings. Two buildings housed radio equipment in support of the Sheriff, Emergency Medical Services, Microwave Radio, Countywide Integrated Radio System, and Public Works, and the third housed a generator and direct current power systems. All three prefabricated buildings, and the equipment and contents they housed were destroyed by the fire. One of the two towers serving the site was also severely damaged. The structural integrity of the 100-foot tower was compromised by the fire and requires replacement. Each of the proposed replacement prefabricated buildings and 100-foot tower will have the same footprint as the original structure being replaced. The proposed replacement structures will also be designed to provide for the same functions and program capacities that existed prior to the fire and will comply with the required County building codes.

Upon completion of the appropriate environmental documentation, we will return to the Board with a recommendation to consider the CEQA documentation and proposed Project approval, adoption of plans and specifications, and authorization to proceed with the construction phase of the proposed Project; and for authorization to award a construction contract to the apparent Lowest Responsive and Responsible Bidder.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

Approval of the recommended action will support Operational Effectiveness (Goal 1) of the Countywide Strategic Plan by replacing telecommunications infrastructure and equipment that will allow County first-responders to more effectively respond to future emergencies.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The total proposed Project cost estimate for the proposed Project, Capital Project No. 77297, is \$3,460,000, which is funded by the California Disaster Assistance Aid Program in the amount of \$1,460,000 and an Extraordinary Maintenance net County cost contribution of \$2,000,000. Sufficient appropriation is available in the

Fiscal Year (FY) 2012-13 Capital Projects/Refurbishments Budget to fully fund the proposed Project cost. The proposed Project Schedule and Budget Summary are included in Attachment A.

Operating Budget Impact

The Internal Services Department operates and maintains the Mount McDill Communications Site and does not anticipate increased maintenance costs for the replacement infrastructure and equipment for FY 2012-13.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENT

In accordance with the Board's Civic Art Policy adopted on December 7, 2004, and revised on December 15, 2009, the proposed Project cost includes 1 percent of design and construction costs of the prefabricated buildings to be allocated to the Civic Art Fund.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

The recommended actions are not a project pursuant to CEQA because they are activities that are excluded from the definition of a project by Section 15378(b) of the State CEQA Guidelines. The proposed actions are administrative activities of government, which will not result in direct or indirect physical changes to the environment. The appropriate environmental documentation will be provided for the Board's consideration when we return to the Board to recommend any activities that may constitute a project under CEQA.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES OR PROJECTS

Approval of the recommended actions will have no impact on current County services or projects.

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CONCLUSION

Please return two adopted copies of this Board letter to the Chief Executive Office, Capital Projects Division, and the County Disaster Administrative Team; one copy to the Internal Services Department; and the Department of Public Works, Project Management Division II.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'WTF', followed by a stylized flourish.

WILLIAM T FUJIOKA
Chief Executive Officer

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SW:RB:cvb

Attachment

c: Executive Office, Board of Supervisors
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ATTACHMENT A

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**MOUNT MCDILL COMMUNICATIONS SITE REPLACEMENT PROJECT
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I. PROJECT SCHEDULE

Project Activity	Completion Date
Establish Project & Approve Budget	10/09/12
Design	
AED Authorization To Proceed	10/09/12
Construction Documents	12/21/12
Jurisdictional Approvals	03/15/13
Construction Bid and Award	05/17/13
Construction	
Contractor NTP	06/17/13
Substantial Completion	06/30/14
Construction Completion	07/31/14
Acceptance	08/29/14
Telecommunication Equipment	
Procurement	06/30/13
Lead Time	12/31/13
Installation & Testing	10/31/14

II. PROJECT BUDGET SUMMARY

Budget Category	Project Budget
Land Acquisition	\$ 0
Construction	
Low Bid Construction Contract	\$ 1,227,345
Change Orders (10 percent)	\$ 122,735
ISD Demolition	\$ 11,525
Subtotal	\$ 1,361,605
Equipment	
Telecommunication Equipment	\$ 1,123,795
Change Order (10 Percent)	\$ 112,379
Installation	\$ 98,798
ISD Project Management	\$ 149,000
ISD Engineering/Installation	\$ 87,000
Subtotal	\$ 1,570,972
Plans and Specifications	\$ 75,000
Consultant Services	
Deputy Inspection (Geotechnical)	\$ 5,000
Material Testing	\$ 15,000
Cost Estimates	\$ 12,000
Geotechnical	\$ 8,000
Environmental Documentation	\$ 50,000
Subtotal	\$ 90,000
Miscellaneous Expenditures	
Printing	\$ 3,000
Subtotal	\$ 3,000
Jurisdictional Review/Plan Check/Permit	
Building and Safety	\$ 7,000
Fire Department	\$ 5,000
Regional Planning	\$ 2,423
Subtotal	\$ 14,423
County Services	
Code Compliance and Quality Control	
Inspections	\$ 57,000
Contract Administration	\$ 24,000
Project Management	\$ 194,000
Secretarial	\$ 11,000
Document Control	\$ 14,000
Project Technical Support	\$ 13,000
Consultant Contract Recovery	\$ 19,000
Office of Affirmative Action	\$ 8,000
Other – DPW Divisions	\$ 5,000
Subtotal	\$ 345,000
Total	\$ 3,460,000